

AMERICANS ARE GIVEN WELCOME TO FRENCH TOWN

Brother of Major Ullern, Instructor at Camp Gordon, Extends Greetings to Guests of Village on Leave

Recently a number of American soldiers on leave of absence from the trenches for a week repaired to the village of Savoy to take their rest.

Emile Ullern, a prominent citizen of the district, and a brother of Major Ullern, who has been instructing recruits at Camp Gordon for several weeks, was chairman of the committee appointed to extend them a welcome. He delivered an eloquent address to his fellow-citizens, calling on them to open their hearts to the boys from America, and then in a few words addressed himself to the soldiers.

Major Ullern has made many warm friends at Camp Gordon and in Atlanta. He goes now to Spartanburg to continue his instruction of recruits. He has won four medals for valiant conduct on the field of battle.

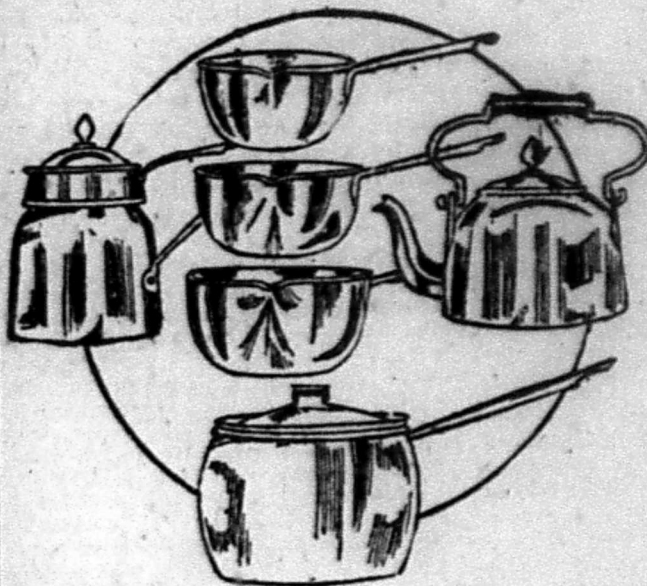
In addressing the citizens of Savoy, Emile Ullern said it "was surely an honor and a privilege to have with us these sons of an ardent and generous people." He said the people would "not stare at them as if they were a kind of curious and interesting novelty, but we shall see in them the living representatives of that nation which has freely offered us the support of its moral power, its wealth and its fighting men because it is convinced that the cause of the allies is the cause of righteousness, justice and liberty."

Finally, he said, they should "remember one fact to which no French woman can be indifferent. It is that among these boys, these husbands, these soldiers, there are many who have forever said farewell to their homes and firesides and to the land that gave them birth, for their tombs will be somewhere yonder in the soil of our beloved France which they have come to defend and to deliver."

In greeting the American soldiers, M. Ullern said:

"Citizens of the great American republic, soldiers of liberty: As it has pleased you to come to us for your seven days of leave, which you cannot enjoy at home in your far-distant and beloved country, believe us when we tell you that we receive you as comrades-in-arms, and as if you were our own sons. To you we open our hearts and offer our hands. We bid you welcome."

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